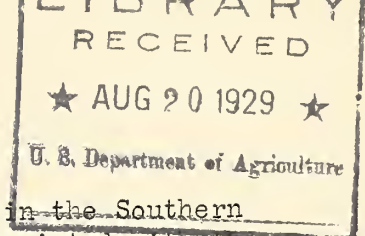


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FARM, HOME, AND 4-H CLUBS.



A talk by I. W. Hill, field agent in club work in the Southern States, through Station WRC, and 36 other stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, at 1:35 p. m., E. S. T., August 3, 1929.

Boys and girls of the 4-H Clubs, their brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, friends, and folks generally:

I am the voice for the moment of the 700,000 boys and girls enrolled in the 4-H clubs of America, speaking in the first of a series of 4-H Club programs to be presented through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company on the first Saturday of each month. In these programs we hope to tell you something of the work of 4-H Club members and something, too, of their hopes, their difficulties, and what they accomplish. We want to bring to you an understanding of what 4-H Club work means to the 700,000 rural boys and girls who are engaged in it. In these monthly programs we expect representative boys and girls from many States to tell you of their experiences, their sorrows, and their joys. News of the 4-H Club world and of club events and activities will be given by local leaders of the 4-H clubs and by officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State agricultural colleges, supervising club work.

For seventeen years I have been associated with 4-H club boys and girls, working as field agent in club work in the Southern States for the Federal Department of Agriculture. I have seen the membership of the 4-H clubs grow from a few hundreds to the 700,000 that are enrolled in these clubs this year. Working with club members as I have for so many years, it is sometimes hard for me to realize that everybody doesn't know about them. Probably, the question I am asked more frequently than any other is, "What do the 4-H's stand for?" Let me answer it. The 4-H's signify the four things which must be developed to obtain success in club undertakings - and in life - the head, the hands, the heart, and health. The symbol of the 4-H clubs is the 4-leaf clover, carrying an "H" on each leaflet. The four leaves are for good luck to each club member. The clover signifies the purpose for which the first clubs were organized - to conserve and develop the production of the soil.

Today we have with us two outstanding 4-H club members, Dorothy Robinson of Maryland and Joe Goodhouse of Connecticut. Later in this program they will tell us what they have done in club work and what this experience has meant to them. I know of no better way to come to an understanding of the 4-H clubs than by listening to them and to the other boys and girls from the East, the South, the great Cornbelt, and the far West who will speak to us from month to month. We hope you will find both inspiration and pleasure in these programs. We hope they will make loyal friends for 4-H boys and girls. We want you to know everything about what they are doing and what they hope to accomplish. Ask any questions that you want to about the 4-H clubs and we will try to answer them. Send your questions to the Radio Editor, Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., or to the station to which you are listening. We welcome you heartily into this first national 4-H Club radio round table. We hope you will be with us every month. Good luck until we meet again.

